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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of: Confirmation: 2091

Carver, et al. Art Unit: 3663

Application Number: 10/795,879 Examiner: Awai, Alexandra F.

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Title: CONTAINER AND METHOD FOR STORING OR TRANSPORTING SPENT NUCLEAR

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 8, 2006

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In regard to the outstanding non-final Office Action mailed on August 8, 2006 the following Response is submitted.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: